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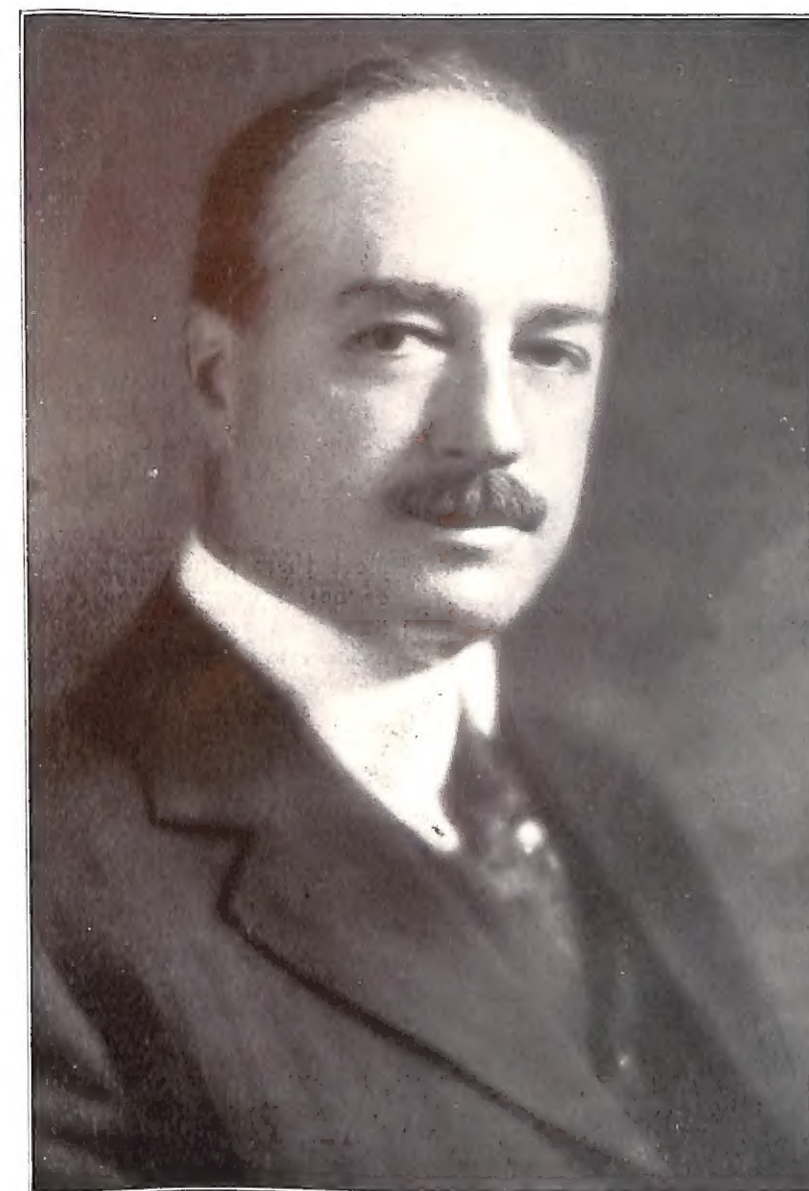
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CURTIS The thread of life is indeed slender,—as **CHIPMAN** we are continually reminded. With deep regret we record the sudden death of Curtis Chipman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts in 1932, 1933 and 1934, at his home on Memorial Drive, Cambridge, October 9.

Without warning Death struck him down in the full prime of his powers. Loaded with honors granted by a grateful fraternity, Curtis Chipman was one of its brightest jewels. Gifted with rare talents which by assiduous and earnest industry he cultivated carefully, he won not only praise as an able executive and devoted servant of the Craft, but the affections of his fellows as well.

While occupying the grand mastership in 1933 he had the unique distinction of presiding at the ceremonies attendant upon the celebration of the tercentenary of the establishment of Freemasonry in the United States, in Boston, Massachusetts, an event unparalleled in American Freemasonry. Throughout, his courtesy and competence elicited encomiums from distinguished visitors from all parts of the world.

He had the singular honor of being elected an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, one to which very few have attained, and these mainly members of Royalty. A gracious soul has passed whose presence will be sadly missed.

WILL "Very busy people are less apt to fall ill than persons of leisure," once wrote a doctor, and added that "the same strength of will that carries them through their difficult daily tasks shields them against disease." Will-power is the greatest single factor of human existence. Its influence is without limit.

If the body were master of the mind the world would have lost many of its famous names. Nelson as a sailor was sea-sick; Milton ignored blindness; Hood, Henley and Robert Louis Stevenson carried on in spite of bodily suffering. Washington's teeth worried him continually. Grant suffered the agonies of cancer, and history multiplies examples up to the present day of the triumph of the will to do.

An active mind would seem to insure a certain immunity from ill-health, just as it is equally certain that those who have time to dwell on ailments, real or fancied, soon fall victims to their own imagination.

How often is it a noticeable fact that the man who has led a busy life and decides to "retire," retires not only from work, but also simultaneously from the world.

The effect of the will to work is cumulative. A body of enthusiastic workers is a great stimulus to all within the sphere of their influence.

There is a latent power within us, a reserve strength, which can be called upon to help us in times of emergency. Sometimes we surprise ourselves with the things that we can accomplish when we really try—or, in other words, when we will to do a thing.

Freemasonry, with a sound set of doctrines and an illimitable field, offers opportunities to its members to do a real work in human service. The laggard serves not as a help—often he is a drag. The man who "wills" into effect the precepts of the fraternity leaves behind him an influence extending far into the reaches of history and setting him apart as a doer in the world's work rather than a dreamer.

VISITORS Twice in one week during September The CRAFTSMAN has been favored with visits from two distinguished men of Masonic letters. One, Charles S. Plumb of Iowa, is favorably known wherever Masonic readers exist, for his scholarly contributions to the literature of the Craft. The other, Henry S. Evans of Denver, Colorado, is the able editor of the *Square and Compasses* which for forty-five years has spread Masonic light throughout the world of American Masonry.

If it were possible for each CRAFTSMAN reader to meet these gentlemen, he would not fail to note the earnest spiritual urge for service to the Craft which animate these scholars, the fruit of a long and familiar association with Craft matters and an earnest solicitude in its behalf. He would be encouraged thereby and stimulated to greater personal efforts.

That these two eminent writers sought out the editor of this publication to visit him and praised the work of this magazine is a source of extreme gratification.

HOW FAR? With the pledging of the country's credit to a degree unparalleled, the question arises as to just how far the growing generation and those to follow will accept responsibility for acts over which they had no control—but which commit them to a burden of repayment of intolerable debt. Who will blame them for rebelling against this infliction?

Inevitably accretions of interest accumulate—if they are not paid. The act of meeting within our own times charges on public financial obligations is a challenge to the resourcefulness of industry, individual or corporate, of the whole nation.

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Is the heritage fair to future generations?

It will be argued by those who are responsible in large measure for the present situation that future generations will reap the benefits (?) of present and past expenditures. But there is an inherent inclination on the part of most humans to spend the money which is the fruit of their industry and enterprise in their own way. This is understandable and logical.

The inheritance of war, misgovernment and the folly of untried experimenters, who more often than not have no experience in practical matters, has, like the grasshopper, proven a burden to the land, leaving it blighted and well-nigh prostrate.

No amount of present glory can compensate for the harm which has been done. Conscience, at present conspicuous by its absence, will ultimately and inevitably exact its penalty in a nightmare of remorse.

Freemasons, actuated by love of country and dedicated to high ideals, should strive to temper the present times with counsels of moderation, else their descendants will attribute to them a share of the suffering inevitably accruing to an era of governmental exploitation handed down to them in a heritage of misfortune which, depend upon it, will be one of their chief concerns to cast off.

POWER From the earliest days of the republic down to the present there has been opposition on the part of States to the concentration of excessive power in the federal government. Until recently when emergency measures due to catastrophic economic conditions which seemed to paralyze the will of the people and their local elected representatives were put into effect, the function of government had been largely left to the individual states. That was the desideratum and it had proven measurably successful.

With the advent of a changed status in the economic life of the nation, and a set new conditions arising for which there was no near precedent, a tendency grew and expanded to throw responsibility for all our social and economic ills and ailments upon the federal administration—with consequences of a disastrous nature to the future life of the country. Power grows on power and its present growth in this country is no exception.

The full and fearsome effects of present policies will not be felt by the generation now living. It will increasingly and painfully remind the next of the folly of their fathers: in permitting a blanket mortgage to be placed upon the capital and resources with which they must function.

The load of debt placed upon their shoulders, which, unless the capitalistic structure upon which past prosperity has been built is to crash, must in honour be repaid. In such case it will inevitably nullify in large measure the material happiness which is every individual's inalienable birthright. It will take the best efforts of a nation strong in character and with unparalleled fortitude to discharge.

All this does not constitute a happy augury for the concentration of power in a central government when divisions or jurisdictions already exist competent to conduct local or state affairs—and yet centralized power may in some instances conceivably and perhaps

justifiably, be warranted, for unity of action on the part of the whole nation in emergency may when sensibly administered accomplish more for the common good. Unanimity is sometimes essential to attain fullest measure of success.

Freemasonry in this country is constituted in some forty-nine jurisdictions, each self-governing, and by and large doing a good job of administering and controlling the conduct of a multitude of units comprised in each.

No intelligent observer of the Craft, however, can fail to note the profound changes occurring within recent years and which have to a considerable degree forced upon it a problem which has become increasingly difficult, without genuine concern, and an earnest desire that all that is best within the fraternity be conserved and maintained at its full power and all that is extraneous and useless cast off.

In emergency—and it is not intended to convey the thought that the Craft is in danger—an intelligent survey of the whole situation is but the part of common prudence. To secure such a survey efforts in all jurisdictions are necessary and the results crystallized.

For which reason, it is believed, closer contact and unification of the energies of all the jurisdictions in the country is urged. Sporadic efforts are of little avail—*spectemur agendo* (let us be judged by our actions) but let our actions be wise and forehanded.

PREMATURE Last month, on this page, brethren of the Canal Zone were felicitated upon the prospective visit of Grand Master Allen, who had made plans to visit that outlying post of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The felicitations were premature. "Man proposes and God disposes"—Worshipful Brother Allen, on the eve of his departure, was stricken suddenly and his immediate removal to the Phillips House was necessary where an operation was performed.

The Grand Master has rallied well from its effects and is making a splendid recovery. His proposed visit has been postponed but brethren in the Canal Zone may look forward to a visit at some future date when all the nice things expected may be realized in added measure, perhaps, because of deferred hope.

7 YEARS There has always been division of opinion regarding the desirability of certain "annexes" to Freemasonry; therefore it was with considerable trepidation that, seven years ago the first of this month, a group of scholars desirous of establishing some form of organization for the spread of Masonic knowledge, founded the Philaethes Society.

Realizing as they did the need for research and the dissemination of Truth through Masonic Light, these men set to work to write, assemble and collate a body of sound Masonic literature, without which no comprehensive understanding of the Craft is possible.

There have been, in the past, a variety of attempts made to acquire Masonic knowledge through similar means, many of them commendable in conception and fruitful of results—but in the stress of an unusual economic era, these came to grief, largely because of the

limited interest manifested by a great mass of the membership.

Freemasonry comprehends so many and varied elements that a clear understanding of its essentials is necessary to dispel misunderstanding. To substitute therefor exact knowledge as to its precise significance as well as its position in the scheme of life is the principal purpose of the Philalethes Society. Surely this is worthy.

During the 7-year period of its existence—notwithstanding these were years of unparalleled depression—the Society has quietly gone about its self-imposed duty of enlightenment and accomplished worthwhile results. Innumerable articles of authoritative and interesting quality have appeared from the pens of Fellows and associate members. These have been broadcast to the whole Masonic world through the medium of the Masonic press. The Society's membership comprises what is perhaps the most cosmopolitan group of world scholars and writers the Craft has ever known. Only the secretary and one or two others know of the very wide extent of it.

Today it is not always wise to publish the names of

all of the forty Fellows, for some of them are citizens of countries in which Freemasonry is very much under the ban of oppressive despotism.

That a common tie binds these men and that an expression of world opinion is possible on Masonic subjects of vital interest to the Craft is a source of congratulation however.

While not seeking to trumpet its virtues or parade its good works before all the world, the Society is, none the less, doing a useful work in behalf of the fraternity. With a brightening of economic skies and consequent opportunity for men of good intent to think of something beside the mere desire to live in some degree of comfort and security, combined with an urge that comes to all at some time or another to learn more about the great institution of which they are part, it is expected the work of the Philalethes Society will find an enlarged and appreciative audience.

Faithful adherence to high standards in its laudable efforts will commend it to thoughtful persons. A good work which is greatly needed in a day when superficiality rather than accuracy seems to hold sway is that of the Philalethes Society.

A Monthly Symposium

Has the Masonic Service Association Earned Place and Support?

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A SPLENDID CO-ORDINATING AGENCY

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IN answer to the question "Has the Masonic Service Association Earned Place and Support?" the opinion of this writer is, emphatically: Yes! We have watched with keen interest from the start the efforts of



this association to function as an agency for the benefit of the whole fraternity in this country, in matters connected with emergency relief and education. The degree of interest in its early days was great, so that grand lodges gave it generous support. Errors were made in administration of its affairs. These, however, were errors of judgment—sins of omission and commission, committed in

good faith without taint of dishonesty or savoring of anything but poor judgment and possibly extravagance. Their recital here would avail nothing at this time. Some grand lodges withdrew from membership.

As a consequence reorganization was effected, with a reaffirmation of principles, and under the present capable, devoted direction the Masonic Service Association, with headquarters in the capital city of the country, is now functioning efficiently, economically,

and effectively. Its membership comprises seventeen jurisdictions, nine being demits who have rejoined within the past four years; and the list is constantly growing. It serves, as it is intended, the whole Craft in the United States. A catalog of its educational publications and a recital of the multitude of its acts during the past few years is a story of the progress made in this country, of securing unified, consistent action, replacing sporadic, often misdirected and ineffectual attempts at education and relief which had heretofore characterized the broader aspects of countrywide Freemasonry.

It is, in this writer's opinion, quite necessary and essential to have a central clearing-house for the despatch of such Masonic business as may properly affect the whole fraternity rather than some sectional part of it. In union is undoubted strength.

Inevitably questions are continually arising which bear principally upon relief in emergency and the proper forms of Masonic education which justify the existence of the Masonic Service Association, and without which much that is good is lost—or rendered ineffective and sterile.

A complete and exhaustive analysis of the work of the Association would occupy more space than this brief opinion warrants. Such information, however, may readily be had from the executive secretary, Worshipful Carl H. Claudy, 700 Tenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. who is responsible in large measure

for the present promising condition of the Association, with whom this writer is in full agreement that there is a genuine need for such an organization, and that the fraternity can never realize its fullest fruition until there shall be a complete concentrated program of SERVICE by and for the Craft. All the promises held out through past and contemporary Masonic history may be realized by such a national organization. Its scope can crystallize the philanthropic motive of some three million men in this country.

Putting aside any question of a national grand lodge, which is a topic conjuring up many difficulties and fraught with dissension, it can be readily realized that the purpose for which the Masonic Service Association was organized comes closer to making effective the will of the whole Craft than any other existing agency.

Its work deserves the hearty cooperation and support of every grand jurisdiction so long as the present standard of excellence is maintained—and it is within the power of individual member Grand Lodges to control its policy and direct activities in such way that no unfavorable criticism may arise: "Harmony being the strength and support of all institutions - more especially this of ours."

A MERITORIOUS INSTITUTION

By WM. C. RAPP,

Editor *Masonic Chronicle*, Chicago

TO ONE who has even casual knowledge of what Association of the United States during the last has been accomplished by the Masonic Service few years it would appear to be beyond dispute that



the Association has earned support and place in Freemasonry. The viewpoint of those who believe that the existence of any national organization based upon and attempting to function in any capacity in the field of Ancient Craft Masonry should not be tolerated or countenanced, not being in harmony with the principle of the absolute sovereignty of established Grand Lodges, is a subject

aside from our present topic. Nevertheless it cannot be entirely eliminated from this discussion.

The value of the work performed by the Masonic Service Association during recent years is generally conceded. The integrity, efficiency and ability of those in charge of its affairs during the same period are not questioned. The activities in which the Association has engaged and the manner in which its affairs have been administered also meets with approval.

Perhaps the best answer to our query is furnished by nine Grand Lodges which during the last four years have joined or rejoined the Association. It is manifest that these Grand Lodges have concluded that the Association has earned place and support in the fraternity, and that those Grand Lodges which have held membership for a longer period are of the same opinion.

Formed after the World War with the primary objective of creating an association enabled to speak with united voice as the servant of Grand Lodges, an objective which has never been attained, the scope of

the Association was enlarged by engaging in a variety of activities, some of which proved to be impractical and visionary. It is frankly admitted by those who are interested in the Association that mistakes were made, with the inevitable result that member Grand Lodges withdrew their support. The mistakes of the early days have been corrected, the Association is on a sound basis, financially and otherwise, its activities are approved and its services supply a need to the fraternity. Credit for this state of affairs must go to those who have been intrusted with its management.

The Association is a voluntary organization. Its control is vested in member Grand Lodges, exercised by duly elected executive committees and officers. Disapproval of the course being followed by the Association would be followed by the withdrawal of member Grand Lodges, a very effective check.

Acting as the fiscal agent of Grand Lodges in the distribution of relief funds in cases of great disasters, the Association has disbursed large sums of money economically and efficiently. Its Short Talk Bulletins, issued monthly, contain much information of value to Master Masons; the Digests on various topics are extremely interesting and valuable to Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries; suggestions for lodge entertainments and special occasions are made available, and in many other ways the Association is ready to supply service whenever called upon.

The Masonic Service Association, in the opinion of the writer, merits support and has earned a place in Masonic activities.

THE ANSWER NOT IN DOUBT

By JOS. E. MORCOMBE

Editor *Masonic World*, San Francisco, California

HAS the Masonic Service Association Earned Place and Support?" The organization to which our attention is thus directed is to be judged, not on its past history, which includes the difficult period of

acquiring experience, but rather from the notable improvement subsequently made.

At time of its organization some sixteen years ago the Masonic Service Association was excellently planned, and bade fair to supply a widely recognized need in and for the fraternity as a national agency. Occasions of emergency requiring prompt aid could not be met efficiently and economically by



haphazard jurisdictional action. In every such case the results had proven unsatisfactory. The Association, acting for all or for such Grand Lodges as were of its membership, could move at once and with full effect. It was intended also that this organization should serve as a clearing house for the distribution of Masonic information, statistical and other, not readily available to the detached body. The importance and desirability of such agency was generally recognized, and adhesion of the governing bodies of the Craft was gratifying to those who promoted the plan.

But the Association was unfortunate in choice of its executive officers. These speedily developed a sort

of megalomania, and assumed activities beyond the scope of their legitimate work. Further, those in charge seemed to consider the Association as a close corporation, the financial doings of which were no concern of the supporting members. They were stubbornly resistant to protests and arguments. As a natural consequence many Grand Lodges severed their relationship and the body, shorn of its resources, was forced to reorganize.

The extraneous activities, including a foolishly ambitious publishing program, were eliminated; every effort was made to return to the original simple but sufficient scheme. The representatives of the Grand Lodges that had retained membership were wise in their selection of officers on whose skill, good judgment and Masonic knowledge so much depended. Especially was the choice of W. Brother Carl H. Claudy as Executive Secretary a stroke of good fortune, for he is a very tower of strength. Under his direction confidence is being restored; several Grand Lodges have already resumed the broken relationship, and others will follow as the matter is brought to their attention.

By comparison with the period of inflated ideas the activities of the Association are modest, but they are of far greater value to the Craft. Apart from its work as a general relief agency in emergencies the fraternity is being constantly benefited by the patient and resultful work of the Executive Secretary and his staff in preparing digests of information. The flatulent output of the former regime was of slight benefit to the fraternal editor, while the really important matters covered by this latest worker is of a kind to be closely studied and carefully filed for future reference. Thus the brethren at large are greatly benefited.

There can be but one answer to our question of the month, and that an unhesitating and emphatic affirmation.

HAS PROVED ITS VALUE

By J. A. FETTERLY

Editor, *Masonic Tidings*, Milwaukee.

IT is our deliberate judgment that no one Masonic activity in the United States touches so many individuals, is of such general good or productive of such widespread benefits as the Masonic Service Association. It is at once both the interior department as well as the Red Cross of Freemasonry.



Organized in 1918 or 1919 to provide a central agency for the collection and distribution of relief funds in major disasters, and to act as a central agency for the preparation and distribution of Masonic statistical and educational information, the association went into a decline late in the 20's,

largely by reason of dissatisfaction on the part of its Grand Lodge members over its policy of publishing and selling Masonic literature; also the question of finances contributed to the rising tide of complaints but briefly, the decline in popularity came about by a lack of tactfulness on the part of officials of the organization, and a disinclination to accept advice and suggestions. A most excellent record in the collection and

distribution of relief funds for the relief of sufferers caused by the Japanese earthquake in 1923, the Florida hurricane in 1926, the Mississippi flood victims in 1927 and the Porto Rico and Florida hurricanes of 1928 could not stem the growing revolt of Grand Lodges, and for the succeeding four or five years there was a constant succession or resignations by Grand Lodges and the association appeared doomed to an early death.

Certain of the Grand Lodges, however, convinced of the soundness of the original plans, retained their membership and by a careful selection of officials and the election of Wor. Bro. Carl H. Claudy to succeed the original Executive Secretary (who died in 1931) were able to head the organization back toward success once more. Since then, additional Grand Lodges have re-joined (three more were welcomed back last year) and others have signified an intention to do so. Twenty-eight Grand Jurisdictions now are full members. Probably within another five years most of the Grand Lodges will have entered the fold.

The record of the association in collecting and distributing nearly \$1,000,000 in the four disasters listed above at a cost of approximately 1½% for expenses, speaks eloquently of the value and efficiency of the Masonic Service Association as a relief agency. Its record in compiling and computing information for the use of Masonic officials, its digests on "Trial Methods of 45 Grand Jurisdictions," on "Finances and Charities," on "Standards of Recognition of Foreign Grand Bodies" and of "Masonic Law Relating to Liquor and Beer" have demonstrated beyond question its value as a statistical and information center. Its work in preparing and distributing the Short Talk Bulletins for the individual Mason has proved a very popular feature of its work.

Undeniably, to us, the Masonic Service Association has proved itself both necessary and indispensable.

Stability of Ideas Needed

Never has the need for clear thinking been greater than at the present moment. The convalescence of a nation after an economic convulsion is slow; and the reconstruction period has its inevitable dangers.

Demoralizing and disintegrating influences always seek to build upon misfortune. Ideas which under normal conditions would not be tolerated find a hearing in the atmosphere of discontent. A sullen contempt for law, for justice, for individual rights, reveals its presence in incredible places.

What can be done about it?

This much, at least: the three million Masons in this country, with independent and wholesome reasoning, can help tremendously to counteract sinister theories, regardless of their origin.

Few of us have come through these last years unscathed; many have lost everything but honor and courage. But we can still question, we can analyze, we can think things through. We can insist that experience should temper experiment, and regard with profound distrust any organization or individual who substitutes expediency for principle. We can defend the principles upon which our country was founded, and upon which it has come—with all its faults—to greatness. We can, by precept and example, exalt reason, sanity of thought, sound patriotism, justice—in short, good citizenship in its finest sense. To do less is to be false to ourselves and to the fraternity which commands our allegiance. —BURTON H. SAXTON, G. M. Iowa.

Freemasonry and the Nation

By GROVER C. NIEMEYER, G. M., Illinois

In discussing this question I am assuming that no departure from the original plan of Masonry is contemplated; that the question is to be considered in the light of the basic principles and purposes of the fraternity.

When we refer to original authorities, we find that no Mason is obliged to support any particular form or principle of government. Belief in God is the only opinion or faith demanded of him.

The Ancient Charges require every Mason to be a peaceable subject to the civil powers wherever he resides or works and "never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation," but they leave the individual so free in political thought and action that rebellion against the state, although deplored, does not affect his status in the fraternity and, if he be convicted of no other crime, his brethren "cannot expel him from the lodge and his relation to it remains indefeasible."

Paragraph two of Article Six, relating to Behaviour of the Brethren "after the lodge is over and the brethren not gone" prohibits bringing *within the door of the lodge* "any quarrels about religion or nations or state policy," because as it says, "Masons being of the catholic religion in which all men agree and also of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages are resolv'd against all politicks as what never yet conduc'd to the welfare of the lodge nor ever will."

Surely by these provisions it was intended that in political matters as in religious matters the particular opinions of the individual be left to him and be proclaimed and exercised *outside* but never within the lodge room.

Those earnest and sincere brethren who advocate an educational campaign in respect to the Constitution and the fundamental principles upon which our government was founded, insist, to quote one of them, that:

"The Masonic fraternity has been too intimately concerned with the formation and development of this Republic for its members now to be indifferent to any dangers which threaten these principles, whether the threats come from political, or non-political groups, from alien or native sources."

The premise assumed is not historically tenable. The Masonic fraternity—that is Anglo-Saxon Masonry—has never been concerned in the form or principles of any government. Individual Masons have taken a conspicuous and glorious part in the formation and development of this Republic, but, as must be expected in an organization which seeks to unite men of every country, sect and opinion for purely non-political purposes, Masons have been and ever will be found on each side of every question of state policy, form or principle of government.

Masonic historians tell us that the close of the year 1776 was one of the darkest periods in the history of American Masonry; that the Grand Lodge of New York was dissolved, its Grand Master having become an officer in the British army and recruited red men as well as white to fight under the English flag; that

William Franklin, Past Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, royal governor of New Jersey and son of Benjamin Franklin, remained loyal to the King and was held prisoner by the Colonial forces until exchanged; that Reverend Samuel Seabury, first American Episcopal Bishop and a Mason, closed his church when Independence was declared, determined there should be "neither prayers nor sermon until he could pray for the King"; that lodges, like communities, were disrupted because of differences of opinion in respect to the war; and that, after Independence was obtained, so great was the dissension in the oldest lodge in Philadelphia over the selection of Washington as first President, and so evenly were the brethren divided, that the lodge surrendered its charter.

As to our form of government, Brother Alexander Hamilton, with his strong monarchical convictions, insisted that "those who mean to form a solid republican government ought to proceed to the confines of another government," and shortly before his death he described the Constitution as a "frail and worthless fabric." It was in fact a compromise of many divergent views strongly held and ably advocated, because sincerely patriotic men believed with Hamilton that it was not "possible to deliberate between anarchy and convulsion on one side and the chance of good to be expected from the plan on the other."

What was true in the beginning is true today. Excepting the most abstract and general principles in which education of Masons is unnecessary, there are no questions relating to our Constitution and whatever may be considered the fundamental principles of our country—and these are as difficult of determination as are the Landmarks of Masonry—as to which equally conscientious and well informed men do not differ.

Our Constitution was ordained and established

"to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity."

If we assume that all men agree that the objects named are the ultimate end of government, it does not follow that all men agree in defining these objects or the best means by which they can be obtained.

As abstract propositions, liberty of conscience and freedom of speech, preserved to the people by amendment of the Constitution, would be endorsed by all Masons, but in the practical application of these principles there is no union of minds.

Unfortunately, at the present time and in the Masonic fraternity, there are those whose conception of religious liberty, like that of the Puritan forefathers, consists in the right to worship God as they see fit, coupled with the power to make others worship the same God in like manner.

Likewise there are American citizens—vociferous, if inconsiderable in number—who, on the alleged ground of public safety, would re-enact laws similar to the Sedition laws of our early history, which brought forth

the Virginia and Kentucky resolutions and contributed so largely to the wrecking of the Federalist party.

Our dual form of government is peculiarly American. Yet after almost one hundred fifty years the respective powers and duties of the federal and state governments are undetermined, and as much the basis of bitter and acrimonious debate in the discussion of present day political questions as they have been from the formation of the Republic.

Furthermore neither the opinions of individuals nor of the people of the states or of the nation have remained fixed and permanent.

In 1814, Daniel Webster, later the great foe of nullification, in opposing a bill for compulsory draft in the war with Great Britain, threatened and even justified state nullification of a Federal law. During the first quarter-century of the Republic, leading public men assumed that secession was within the province of any State government and the advisability of such action was considered by Kentucky, Virginia, Connecticut and Massachusetts. After a trial of less than twenty years the nation reversed itself as to the Eighteenth Amendment.

What has been said necessarily applies when we come to consider the alleged dangers which proponents of the educational campaign insist threaten us. We enter the same field of controversy and meet the same diversity and change of opinions. Principles, doctrines and 'isms,' which to one man and generation are dangers of the gravest sort, may to another be the country's salvation. There always have been and always will be among us those who would overthrow the government and substitute another. The right to do so is not without support in American political philosophy. Abraham Lincoln declared in Congress that

"Any people anywhere being inclined and having the power have the right to rise up and shake off the existing government and form a new one that suits them better. This is a most valuable and most sacred right—a right which we hope and believe is to liberate the world."

Few if any of us believe that there is the slightest probability that such a change will be effected in this or the generations immediately following. But he who expects our government to stand forever has not learned from the experience of the past and is more hopeful than the founders of the Republic.

Let us not be afraid. There is no need for alarm. Surely we can agree with Jefferson that

"If there be any among us who would wish to dissolve this Union or to change its Republican form, let them stand undisturbed as monuments of the safety with which error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it."

Individual Masons and not the Masonic fraternity will and should supply the reasons with which to combat real dangers threatening the peace and welfare of the nation. Nothing is more firmly imbedded in our political principles than the separation of the church and the state. Every reason which attests the wisdom of our principle demands that every fraternity, group or organization, not openly and expressly created for political purposes, should refrain from dictating or influencing the political opinions of its members.

No educational campaign can be effective or in the least worth-while which does not directly or indirectly seek to mould the views of the individual Mason on purely political questions of today. If dangers really threaten us, education in respect to abstract generalities of government is futile. Only discussion of governmental principles in relation to present day problems can be productive of results. This is politics.

If the plan be adopted, who shall determine the views to be presented and the individuals through whom presentation is to be made? Shall Grand Lodges settle these questions for all constituent lodges within their jurisdiction? If so, shall uniformity among Grand Lodges be attempted? If such matters be left to the constituent lodges, how is unity of action among the several lodges of a city, county or district to be attained, or inconsistent and even directly opposite positions by lodges to be avoided? How are lodges to be prevented from presenting doctrines which by the overwhelming weight of public opinion are antagonistic to present day American ideals of government? How are shifts of opinion with change of officers to be avoided? What is to be done with or for the Mason who finds himself for the time being opposed to the position of grand or local lodge?

If official commitment to particular theories, principles or plans is not contemplated, but the lodge room is to become an open forum for political discussions, the objections remain unchanged. In practical operation, the plan is still impossible without violation of Masonic fundamentals. Political parties and propagandists of all types will be harassing lodges for hearings and advantage in, if not monopoly of, such discussions will be sought. No matter how idealistic the plan in its inception, officers of Grand Lodges, Masters of lodges and members of the fraternity will be using their official position and influence in Masonry to the political advantage of their party associates. The character of the discussions will undergo a rapid change, and temporary and local party issues, as well as the merits or demerits of particular candidates for public office, will be matters of common debate in Masonic lodges under the pretext of discharging a patriotic duty and protecting the country from the dangers threatening it. An inevitable result of this practice will be attempts of political parties and factions to control and influence officers in Masonic bodies, with the consequent strife, dissension and ultimate destruction of the lodges. American Masonry will be in politics, and may find itself, as during the Anti-Masonic movement of a hundred years ago, the subject of governmental regulation and suppression as is Grand Orient Masonry in certain European countries today.

No man can be a good Mason without first being a good citizen. If we cease our quest for numbers and, true to Masonic principles, limit our privileges to those of sound character who freely and voluntarily knock at our doors, Masonry through its members will fully discharge all obligations of citizenship. These men, through untrammelled and independent judgment, directed only by a sense of patriotism, may safely be relied upon to stand on the side of law and order, justice and liberty. The demagogue, selfseeker and exponent of unsound and unsafe theories of government will rarely be found among them, and when found will re-

ceive little comfort and support from his brethren. Masons as a whole, without any educational plan within the fraternity, will still be defenders of the country and preservers of its peace and welfare and of the integrity of Masonry as a purely non-political institution.

The Delinquent Brother

If the brethren who are delinquent in the payment of dues to the several Masonic bodies in which they hold membership were laid end to end in a straight line it is probable that they would stretch for a quite considerable distance. Their number is legion, more's the pity. On the fraternity's methods of handling the delinquency problem there is any amount of diverse opinion, there being many Masons of many minds.

One excellent brother of whom we heard recently maintains that the lodges should carry every man on their books until he is again able to keep up his financial obligations to the fraternity. Masonry, he argues, is a brotherhood and no frater should be abandoned by the wayside because he is unable to pay. The possession of money should never be made the standard of fitness for Masonic membership.

The brother's human kindness does him credit. It indicates that he has an intensely sympathetic side to his nature. But the question is not entirely one of fraternal goodwill. It is a practical one into which many factors enter. It is safe to say that there is no lodge that would not have liked to keep its membership intact. Most of them have made every effort to do so. The suspension season is no joy to officers, paying members or delinquents. We are glad to be able to say that the lodges have been guided by the finest of brotherly feeling in their treatment of those who have fallen behind in their payments. They have remitted dues in innumerable cases, extended the freest credit and given delinquents the widest opportunity to hold their connection with the Craft. All that any of them have asked is that the brethren get in touch with the officers

of their lodges and make them acquainted with the circumstances which prevent payment, and state what the wishes of the delinquents are. Very many have made satisfactory arrangements, but others have ignored or neglected the invitation, with the result that suspension has followed. A lack of co-operation on the part of delinquents themselves has been responsible for the dropping of many names from the rolls. Further than this, many members have been suspended at their own request to avoid the piling up of dues charges against them.

What apparently escaped the attention of the kind-hearted brother is the practical side of the matter. Masonry is an organization which must have funds in order to function. The overhead expenses of the lodges must be paid from the dues of the members. Ordinarily it is expected that every brother will do his part. There are charitable demands to be met, rent, salaries and other necessary charges to be paid, and if the lodge is unable to forward its annual per capita tax to the grand lodge it may function for a time—but not for long. In the affairs of all organizations money plays a most important part. Would that it were not so—but what are you or I going to do about it? For a limited time the paying members can carry the non-payers along, but exhaustion will come about if the strain is too long continued, and if at any time those who are unable to pay shall outnumber those who are fortunate enough to be able dissolution will surely follow. Unnecessarily expenditures in the conduct of Masonic bodies have long since been eliminated and they are doing business on about as close a margin as is possible or advisable. Unless the whole set-up of modern Masonry be changed it is difficult to see how the various bodies can be conducted on a much more economical basis than is now being done.

We are unable to see it any other way than that the lodges have handled the delinquency problem in about the best possible manner. As a final thought we would leave the suggestion that Masonry is not a basic necessity. It is a luxury without which hosts of men have led long and happy lives.—*Masonic Chronicler*.

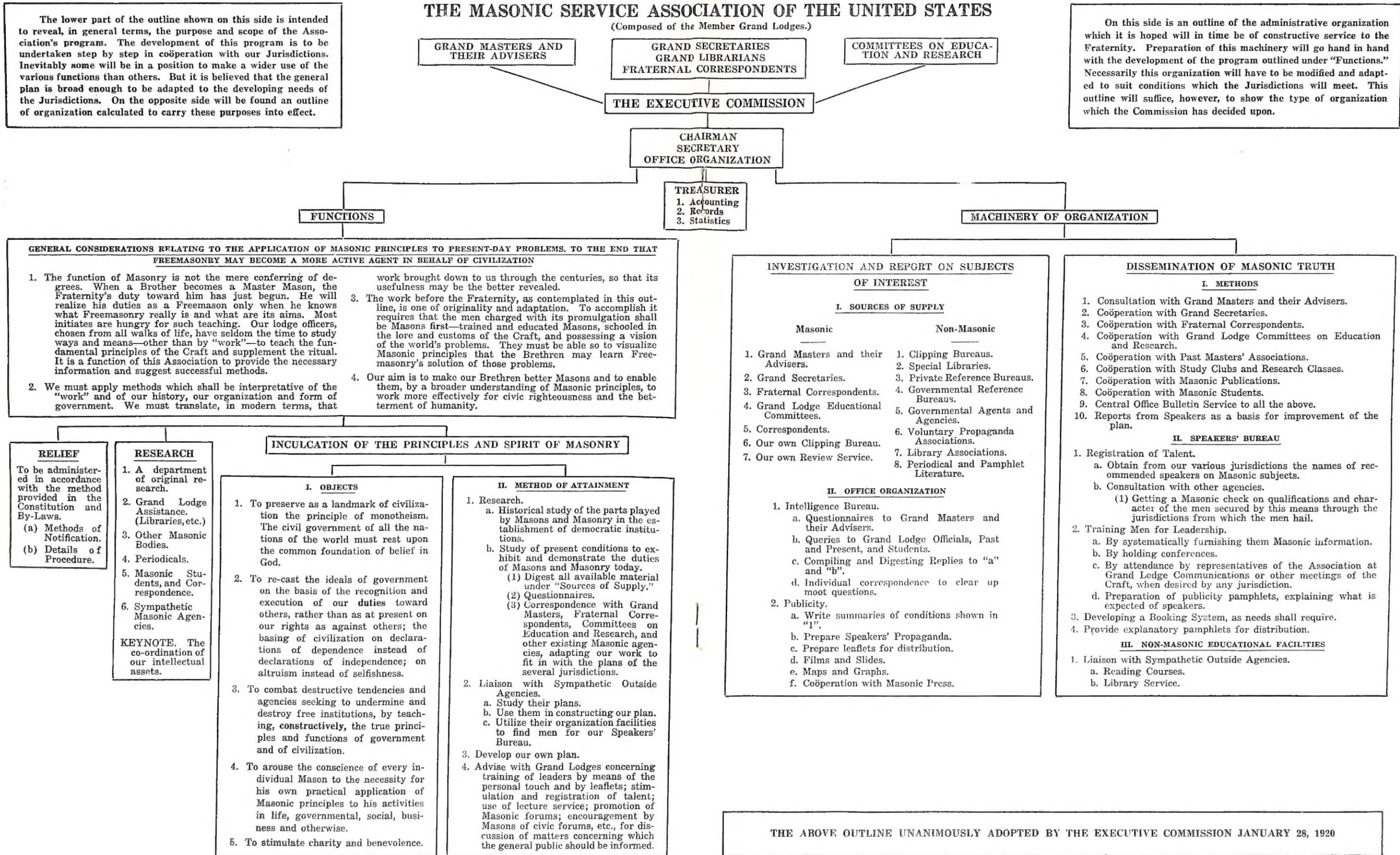
The Duce's Hour

["Put out the light, and then—put out the light!"
—Othello."]

*Put back the clock, and then—put back the clock!
Progress is but a word for idle mention;
Geneva deals in clocks, but this shall shock
The forward sweep of any such invention.*

*Put back the clock to lust of blood and power!
Strew havoc—but remember in your strewing
The desert sands may yet record the hour
Of yet another tyrant's last undoing.*

LUCIO.





OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Richard Stockton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and 1st Master of St. John's Lodge, Princeton, N. J., was born in that town, October 1, 1730.

Maj. Gen. John P. G. Muhlenburg, Episcopal clergyman and Revolutionary officer, was born at Trappe, Pa., October 1, 1746, and died at Providence, Pa., October 1, 1807. He was a member of Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia.

Gen. Morgan Lewis, chief marshal of the inauguration ceremonies of George Washington and, in 1804, elected Governor of New York, was born in New York City, October 16, 1754, and served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York from 1830 until his death in 1844.

John Hancock, first signer of the Declaration of Independence and first Governor of Massachusetts, affiliated with Lodge of St. Andrew, Boston, October 14, 1762. His death occurred at Quincy, Mass., October 8, 1793.

George M. Bibb, Secretary of the Treasury under President Tyler, Grand Master of Kentucky (1804), and U. S. Senator from that state for a number of years, was born in Prince Edward County, Va., October 30, 1776.

Count Casimir Pulaski, noted Polish cavalry leader who served America during the Revolution, was made a Mason in a Military Lodge in Georgia in 1779. His death occurred near Savannah, October 11, 1779.

Robert Burns, Scottish Poet Laureate of Freemasonry, was passed and raised in Lodge St. David, Tarbolton, October 1, 1781. On October 26, 1786, he was made an honorary member of St. John's Lodge No. 22, Kilmarnock, Scotland.

Gen. Lewis Cass, Secretary of State under President Buchanan and prior to that U. S. Minister to France, U. S. Senator from Michigan, and Secretary of War under President Jackson, was born at Exeter, N. H., October 9, 1782, and became the 1st Grand Master of Michigan in 1826.

Francis R. Shunk, Governor of Pennsylvania (1845-48), and an earnest supporter of the public school system, was born at Trappe, Pa., October 7, 1788, and was a member of Perseverance Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg, serving as Master in 1820.

Lord Charles Cornwallis, English General in the American Revolution, died at Ghazipur, India, October 5, 1805. It was by his orders that the Grand Honors of Masonry were performed at the funeral of Baron de Kalb, who had been wounded and taken prisoner by the British.

Henry Knox, Revolutionary officer and Secretary of War (1785-95), died at Thomaston, Me., October 21, 1806. He was a member of St. John's Regimental Lodge.

Comodore John Downes, who served in the War of 1812 and commanded the Pacific Squadron in 1832-34, was initiated in Rising Star Lodge, Stoughton, Mass., October 23, 1806.

Col. John Page, who served during the Revolution and was Governor of Virginia (1802-05), was a member of Botetourt Lodge No. 7, Gloucester, Va. His death occurred at Richmond, October 11, 1808.

Franz Liszt, noted composer and conductor, was born at Raiding, Hungary, October 22, 1811, and was initiated in Harmony Lodge, Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Germany, in 1841.

Andrew Jackson, 7th U. S. President, became Grand Master of Tennessee, October 7, 1822. On October 9, 1839, he attended a session of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee over which he presided for a time.

Gen. Simon Cameron, Secretary of War under President Lincoln and later U. S. Minister to Russia, became a member of "Holy and Undivided Trinity" Commandery, K. T., Harrisburg, Pa., October 25, 1826.

Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley was born, October 9, 1839, at Frederick, Md. On October 21, 1899, he was made a Mason "at sight" by the Grand Master of the District of Columbia. On October 19, 1905, he was elected a K. C. C. H., and on October 10, 1907, received the 33rd Degree. His death occurred, October 11, 1911, at Washington, D. C.

Herbert W. Ladd, Governor of Rhode Island (1889-90; 1891-92) and a member of Eureka Lodge, New Bedford, Mass., was born in that town, October 15, 1843.

Sir Alfred Robbins, noted English journalist, was exalted in Gallery Chapter No. 1928, R.A.M., in October, 1897.

In October, 1920, he was elevated in Tuscan Lodge, Royal Ark Mariners No. 454.

Robert P. Dunlap, Grand Master of Maine (1830-31) and later Governor of that state, died at Brunswick, Me., October 20, 1859.

Chester I. Long, U. S. Senator from County, Pa., October 12, 1860, and on October 24, 1907, was elected a K. C. C. H.

Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock, who served in the Mexican and Civil Wars, became a Mason in Charity Lodge No. 190, Norristown, Pa., October 31, 1860.

Maj. Robert Anderson, hero of Fort Sumter and a member of Mercer Lodge No. 50, Trenton, N. J., died at Nice, France, October 27, 1871.

Clarence D. Clark, U. S. Senator from Wyoming (1895-1917), was elected a K.C.C.H., October 19, 1892, receiving the 33rd Degree, October 22, 1897.

Rear Admiral George W. Baird, Grand Master of the District of Columbia (1896), became a K.C.C.H., at Washington, D. C., October 19, 1899, which was followed by the 33rd Degree, October 25, 1901. His death occurred in the Capitol City, October 4, 1930.

Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture under President Harding and a member of Pioneer Lodge No. 22, Des Moines, Iowa, died at Washington, D. C., October 25, 1924.

Sir Robert H. H. Baird, owner and publisher of the *Belfast Telegraph*, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and a member of both York and Scottish Rites, died at Belfast, October 8, 1934.

LIVING BRETHREN

Andrew J. Montague, Member of Congress from Virginia and former Governor of that state, was born in Campbell County, Va., October 3, 1862, and is a member of Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122, Danville.

William Gibbs McAdoo, U. S. Senator from California and Secretary of the Treasury under President Wilson, was born at Marietta, Ga., October 1, 1863, and is a Scottish Rite Mason of the Northern Jurisdiction.

Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture in the present Cabinet, was born at Orient, Iowa, October 7, 1888,

and was raised a Master Mason in Capitol Lodge No. 110, Des Moines, October 4, 1927.

Richard E. Byrd, noted explorer, was born in Winchester, Va., October 25, 1888, and is a member of Kane Lodge No. 454, New York City.

Edward V. Rickenbacker, famous aviator, was born at Columbus, Ohio, October 8, 1890, and is a member of Palestine Chapter No. 159, R.A.M., Detroit, Mich.

Gen. Leonard C. Wood, Governor General of the Philippine Islands, was born in Winchester, N. H., October 9, 1860, and was a member of the York and Scottish Rites, and Mystic Shrine.

David Sholtz, Governor of Florida and a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies at Key West, was born in New York City, October 6, 1891.

Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, D.D., received the 32nd Degree at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, October 29, 1909. He was elected a K.C.C.H., October 20, 1915, and attained the 33rd Degree October 20, 1933. He is Chaplain of the Southern Supreme Council.

Martin L. Davey, Governor of Ohio, was exalted in Tyrian Chapter No. 91, R.A.M., Ravenna, Ohio, October 24, 1911.

Allen T. Treadway, U. S. Representative from Massachusetts, received the 33rd Degree in the Northern Jurisdiction, October 1, 1912.

Ernest W. Marland, Governor of Oklahoma, received the 32nd Degree at Guthrie, October 17, 1912.

Claudius H. Huston, Assistant Secretary of Commerce (1921-23) and former chairman of the Republican National Committee (1921), received the 33rd Degree in the Southern Jurisdiction, October 24, 1919.

Bibb Graves, Governor of Alabama, received the 32nd Degree at Montgomery, October 7, 1921.

Prince Arthur of Connaught was installed Provincial Grand Master for Berkshire, Eng., October 18, 1924.

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh was passed in Keystone Lodge No. 243, St. Louis Mo., October 20, 1926.

Harry F. Byrd, U. S. Senator from Virginia and former Governor of that state, received the 32nd Degree in the George Washington Memorial at Alexandria, October 18, 1929.

FIFTY YEARS GRAND

SECRETARY

Adolphus A. Keen, who has served as Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico for over fifty years, is now dean of the Grand Secretaries of the United States. Mr. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary of the Grand

Lodge of Arkansas and Poet Laureate of Freemasonry, held that distinction until his death, some two years ago.

In appreciation of his loyalty and devotion to the Craft in New Mexico, the Grand Lodge of that State recently placed a bronze bust of Mr. Keen in the Grand Lodge Temple.

TEMPLAR TRIENNIALS

Following are the triennial dates and the cities in which they were held covering the period of 116 years:

Where Held	Date
New York, N. Y.	June 20-21, 1816
New York, N. Y.	Sept. 16, 1819
New York, N. Y.	Sept. 18-19, 1826
New York, N. Y.	Sept. 14-15, 1829
Baltimore, Md.	Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 1832
Washington, D. C.	Dec. 7-10, 1835
Boston, Mass.	Sept. 12-14, 1838
New York, N. Y.	Sept. 14-17, 1841
New Haven, Conn.	Sept. 10-12, 1844
Columbus, Ohio	Sept. 14-18, 1847
Boston, Mass.	Sept. 10-14, 1850
Lexington, Ky.	Sept. 13-19, 1853
Hartford, Conn.	Sept. 9-15, 1856
Chicago, Ill.	Sept. 13-19, 1859
New York, N. Y.	Sept. 1-4, 1862
Columbus, Ohio	Sept. 5-7, 1865
St. Louis, Mo.	Sept. 15-18, 1868
Baltimore, Md.	Sept. 19-23, 1871
New Orleans, La.	Dec. 1-5, 1874
Cleveland, Ohio	Aug. 28-31, 1877
Chicago, Ill.	Aug. 17-20, 1880
San Francisco, Calif.	Aug. 21-23, 1883
St. Louis, Mo.	Sept. 21-24, 1886
Washington, D. C.	Oct. 8-11, 1889
Denver, Colo.	Aug. 9-12, 1892
Boston, Mass.	Aug. 27-30, 1895
Pittsburgh, Pa.	Oct. 11-14, 1898
Louisville, Ky.	Aug. 27-29, 1901
San Francisco, Calif.	Sept. 6-9, 1904
Saratoga Springs	July 9-11, 1907
Chicago, Ill.	Aug. 9-11, 1910
Denver, Colo.	Aug. 12-14, 1913
Los Angeles, Calif.	June 20-23, 1916
Philadelphia, Pa.	Sept. 9-11, 1919
New Orleans, La.	Apr. 25-27, 1922
Seattle, Wash.	July 28-31, 1925
Detroit, Mich.	July 16-19, 1928
Minneapolis, Minn.	June 20-26, 1931
San Francisco, Calif.	July 9-12, 1934

MASONIC RELIC REMOVED

As a result of a fire which destroyed the Oregon State Capitol at Salem on April 26, 1935, the Grand Lodge of Oregon, A.F.&A.M., of that state, removed the leaden casket which had been placed in the cornerstone of the structure, October 8, 1873.

The ceremonies attendant upon laying the cornerstone in 1873 were elaborately and impressively performed, with

Mr. T. McF. Patton as Grand Master. By comparison, the ceremonies accompanying the removal were simple, but performed with the usual dignity of a Grand Lodge ceremony. Following an invocation by the Rev. George H. Swift, acting Grand Chaplain, Mr. R. Frank Peters, Deputy Grand Master, opened the cornerstone with the same trowel in hand which was used in laying the cornerstone, and had the casket placed on a table in full view of the audience. Mr. James U. Campbell, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Oregon, acting Grand Orator, then sketched the history of the State capitol. Following the remarks of Chief Justice Campbell, Mr. H. Wayne Starnard, Grand Master, presented the casket with its contents to Gen. Charles H. Martin, Governor of the State. In his response, the Governor appropriately received the casket and passed it on to Mr. Rufus Holman, State Treasurer, who entrusted it to the care of Mr. Earl W. Snell, Secretary of State and Custodian of Buildings and Grounds.

When the new capitol is completed the contents of the casket will be displayed in a special case.

All of the state officials through whose hands the casket passed are members of the Masonic Fraternity.

WILL THEY TAKE HEED?

Mr. E. J. Adams, chairman of the special board of investigation of the Federal Trade Commission, warned advertisers and broadcasting stations in an address at Chicago, Ill., June 11, 1935, before the annual meeting of broadcasters, advertisers and agency men, to tell the public the truth about what they had to sell or else lose this source of revenue. He said:

"There is no value in advertising, unless the reader or listener believes what he is told in the advertisement. Every time he is deceived, his confidence is reduced. Unless truth in advertising copy is demanded by publishers and radio stations, the public will not long respond to advertising appeals, and this source of revenue for publishers and radio stations will come to an end."

In recent years, most publishers have "rejected advertising copy to sell questionable products, and misleading advertising copy to sell good products," he declared. As they have done so many such advertisers have turned to the broadcasting stations where less scrutiny of advertising subject matter was observed.

"If many radio stations expect to survive, they must respect and protect

listener confidence. The programs must be clean, and the representations by advertisers must be reliable and truthful," Mr. Adams asserted.

OVERBUILDING A FALLACY

To the Editor of the "Craftsmans"
Your editorial on "Building" in the September issue merits the careful consideration of every thoughtful member of the fraternity, and particularly by those who are ambitious to secure a home for their lodge which is in keeping with his ideals.

The writer has affiliations with Masonic bodies which meet in four different Temples, and is familiar with the many financial troubles that have infested the carrying of the several mortgages, and it is with the sole idea of "warding off approaching danger" that this letter is written.

One of the weaknesses we must recognize as being inherent in our organization is the brevity of the term of our presiding officers; this fact combined with his laudable ambition to accomplish something of a lasting nature, too frequently causes his lodge to become involved in a building program, from which there is a financial burden which will last until the grandsons of the present members either pay off the mortgage or are forced to surrender the building to the mortgagee.

Here is a proposal which was made to one of the bodies to which I belong, which was made in good faith but is typical of many other projects, which if carried out would have entailed limitless obligations, from which the outcome could not be visualized for at least fifty years, which might conservatively be the life of the building.

Estimated for the Building	\$100,000
Donated by members	20,000
To borrow at 6%	80,000
<i>Yearly Expense</i>	
Interest	4,800
Taxes	2,200
Janitor	1,000
Heating and Insurance	700
Depreciation at 3%	3,000
Upkeep and Incidentals	1,000
Payment on Principal	1,300
	\$14,000

Now this Lodge at the time was only paying \$1,500.00 per year, and was at the same time putting about \$1,000.00 each year into a Building Fund, yet it became necessary for the writer to argue at some length to convince the meeting of the fallacy of such an undertaking; in fact the vote was 87 to 28, showing that at least 28 members did not see the dangers ahead.

It would seem that your editorial was not only timely but worthy of the thoughtful consideration of every mem-

ber of the fraternity; and particularly when one views the result of our good fraters in Providence, who have been unable to carry their plans for a new Temple to a conclusion.

REUNITED

Split 150 years ago, two of the oldest Masonic lodges in Perthshire, Scotland, are soon to be united. A disagreement took place in Lodge Dunkeld, No. 14, which resulted in the formation of what is now the operative lodge known as Dunkeld No. 152. Although these two Lodges are to be united, they will work under two charters, the individual character of each having been endorsed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Lodge Dunkeld No. 14 was started 200 years ago by the famous Atholl family of Scotland, celebrated in Masonic and Scottish history for over two centuries.

WHAT DOES MASONRY

TEACH US?

By Rabbi H. Geffem

Two hundred years ago Masonry became a real revelation instead of a legendary idea; from 1700, Masonry has developed itself and became a complete and perfect ideology in theory and practice. Thousands of books have been written concerning the fraternity. Still there is doubt about its original creation. Historical philosophers and theologians dug deeply by research into the causes of Freemasonry, but there are many different opinions among those scholars, and we are not able to positively take for granted even one opinion of them. As a secret society, nobody can give definitely its chronology, because the historical facts, events and acts of Freemasonry are very little until 1700. Masonic scholars of old, devoted to Masonry and familiar with Kabbalah, explain Freemasonry in fantastic language of imagery by parables, riddles, exaggerations and mysticism. The visage of Freemasonry is obscured in a hidden secrecy, even by the light of historical research. However, if the principle is true, that the creator and his creation are realizing one object, they became a harmonious synthesis, and we must assume that Masonry was created together with the Universe by the Creator. If we analyze the separation of Masonry in the various parties, we find there contradictory elements. The initiator of Masonry was not a theorist, did not study science, nor lay down complete and perfect objective theses; he sent out the sparks of ideas, he uttered only amputated, crushing flash-thoughts, which can be explained and interpreted in many ways. But the many commentators of Masonry have multiplied books, and brought into the doctrine of Masonry

new inclinations and personal subjective feelings. Thus Masonry was transferred into a new theory and became divided into different rites and rituals. We have to depend on the original sources; on the Holy Bible, regardless of the scientific studies of great thinkers, to give to Masonry a steady form and to base it on solid foundations. Yet there are in it an expression of inclinations, emotions and utterance of spiritual desires and emotions. In ancient Masonic articles are excited revolt of yearning and hidden desire, a flame of strivings and longings. If these revolts do not satisfy our scientific thirstiness, if even they cannot serve us as a basis to historical investigation and the establishment of scientific laws and generalizations, they do enable us to invade the soul of the Creator and His creation, and into the palace with a multitude of hidden passages. We have here nothing to do with the dryness of laws and principles, events and experiences, but with revelations and psychological emotions. After the entering into the spirit of theoretical and practical Masonry, we mark that the world of Masonic emotions and their contemplation and observation, is built up on three or four spiritual visions, which are as a psychic seizing and examination in the revelation of the religious life of all time and generations of Mankind. The first seizing and ex-Unity." Almighty is monotheistic. The whole Being is one and complete Unity." Almighty is monothistic. The originators of Masonry did not intend to create here a pantheistic doctrine of God and Creation; they were not philosophers nor scientific thinkers, only masons and builders, giving only a new conception and expression to the emotional seizing of the innermost Being. They destroyed the partition-wall between God and man, between the Creator and His creatures. The universe, according to them, is the ultimate aim of God, even pleasure and sin coming from the high spiritual world. Even in the places of uncleanness there is a spark of Deity, therefore a candidate comes to improve himself in Masonry, to repent of his sins, because there is no absolute good and no absolute evil. Good and evil are in a continuous condition of collision and fermentation and the man of repentance, who has lived in the plane of his different passionate thoughts, becomes, when leaving that life a pious man.

The originators of Masonry belonged to a class of varied theologians and religious interpreters. Also in the old classic literature is found a hint that the main purpose of a good deed is the pure intention and devotion, the enthusiastic spiritual pathos, and the wil-

lingness of sacrifices. These are symbols of the ritual and the holy altar. In the doctrine of intention and devotion there is embodied a democracy of love for fellow men because God has created all his children in his own image and likeness, therefore they shall be all alike. A real democratic doctrine, no difference existing whether one is a learned man or ignorant. That basic love for ignorant and learned alike is probably the main foundation of Free masonry.

DERBY PRESIDES AT

GRAND LODGE

The United Grand Lodge of England held its quarterly meeting in Free Trade Hall, Manchester, Eng., on September 4, 1935. The hall seats 2,650 persons, but over 800 brethren were unable to find accommodations.

In the unavoidable absence of Lord Charles Cornwallis, Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Derby, who has been Provincial Grand Master for Lancashire (Eastern Division) for thirty-six years, presided.

This is the first meeting of the Grand Lodge ever held in that section of England. In fact, it is the fourth Communication of the Grand Lodge ever held outside of London. Much enthusiasm was therefore manifest when it developed that the Earl of Derby, a Lancashire Mason, was to be the acting grand master at this quarterly meeting.

The meeting was held in Manchester upon the invitation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lancashire and because of the celebration of the centenary there.

Following the passing of a resolution of tribute to the late Lord Ampt-hill, Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, the Earl of Derby made a few personal remarks concerning his long friendship with his first cousin, Lord Ampt-hill. He said that they did not always agree on national issues and sometimes agreed to disagree, believing that thereby the best interests of the country would be conserved. He cited a recent incident and said:

"In the last days of the India Bill debates in the House of Lords, when he was to deliver a speech, which never was delivered, we met in the tea-room; we agreed to differ, and not a word was said on the subject. He expressed his pleasure in the prospect of his coming here today, and I expressed the pleasure we would all have in welcoming him."

Lord Derby recalled a time when he and Lord Ampt-hill differed acutely on Masonic matters. It was the time when Lord Ampt-hill came to Manchester to congratulate the brethren on their cen-

tenary and took occasion to remind them that they had not done their share about the great Masonic War Memorial in London and the great Masonic charities. Recalling the Biblical story about scourging with scorpions, "he certainly did it," said Lord Derby. "Certainly I was annoyed," continued Lord Derby, "and I told him so. I told him so also when we got home that night. I thought it was not the right occasion for him to speak as he had done. He said he knew it was not a pleasant thing to do, but felt it was the right thing to do, and he felt that it was his duty to the Grand Lodge to speak as he had done. Later on," said Lord Derby, "we found that there was a good deal of justice in what he had done," and at the Girls' Festival in Albert Hall in 1934, the Province of Lancashire handed over a record check for £144.00.

In presenting the report of the special communication on the Masonic Peace Memorial, Sir Kynaston Studd referred to the contribution of £1,570 by the Province of Lancashire (Eastern Division), to cover the cost of the bronze doors of the Grand Temple. Accompanying the presentation was a memorial on the seventieth birthday of Lord Derby and the thirty-sixth year of his appointment as Provincial Grand Master.

In response, Lord Derby thanked them all for their generous kindness. He stated, in conclusion, that Masonry was in his blood.

Following the business session of the Grand Lodge, a dinner, held at the Masonic Temple, was attended by about 500 members, and was presided over by Lord Derby.

PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC

HOME LARGEST IN WORLD

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held its quarterly communication in the city of Philadelphia, September 4, 1935. A special feature of this meeting was that every grand master along the Atlantic seaboard was invited to attend. Right Worshipful Grand Master, Honorable Otto R. Heilgman, presided, and the other officers of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge occupied their respective stations. While there was not a great deal of business transacted, the quarterly communication of Pennsylvania's Grand Lodge afforded visiting brethren an excellent opportunity to observe the workings of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, and to learn of some of its accomplishments. There were nine grand masters present from sister jurisdictions; namely, Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, and South Carolina. Several of these grand masters

had one or more grand officers of their respective lodges accompanying them. Among the distinguished visitors from other jurisdictions was Mr. John H. Cowles, 33°, past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

The following day, September 5, the visitors were taken by rail in a private car to the Masonic Home at Elizabethtown, which is said to be the largest Masonic institution of its kind in the world. All of the main buildings are constructed of stone and harmonious in architectural design. The principal building was erected by the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge. A number of other buildings were presented by Masonic lodges in various cities, counties, and sections, and also by individuals. The chapel, a remarkably beautiful stone edifice, was the gift of a widow of a past grand master. The grounds, which are considered by landscape authorities to be most attractive, cover approximately 1,000 acres. There are 1,700 peach trees, and 1,700 apple trees on these grounds, together with various other fruit-bearing trees. Vegetables of many kinds are grown in the garden, comprising 15 acres. At the present time, there are 601 guests enjoying the benefits of the Pennsylvania Masonic Home, and it is estimated that it requires a sum of \$350,000 per year to maintain the institution.

WHO IS PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1?

We hear too much of public enemy No. 1 who robs a bank and gets away with \$50,000 and shoots down two or three people in doing it. There is another kind of public enemy of much greater importance. These are the men of education and social prestige, who are familiar with big business, who organize companies under high sounding names, and using the mails to defraud, filch millions of dollars from the unsuspecting public where the so-called public enemy gets but hundreds. For every one the gangster shoots down, these smooth criminals leave a train of ruined men and women, broken hearts, deaths and suicides.—*Kilroy P. Aldrich, Chief Post Office Inspector.*

BACKPATTING, BLAH

AND BUNK?

The following is an "opinion" published in a contemporary, the origin of which, from the phraseology employed, is not difficult to determine. The writer, who admits to being young in years and also in Masonry, submits the "opinion," in response to an inquiry: "How to attract young Brethren to Lodge." Despite his loose and extravagant literary style, he proffers a "fairly familiar reason for non attendance, and one that is undoubtedly

shared by many brethren of his own years and Masonic status":—

"I quit coming to lodge because I found that most Masonic meetings are devoted to back-patting, blah and bunk. Every lodge night I used to go home with a pain in the neck from listening to some pompous old windbag spouting a lot of stewed bologna about the grand and glorious deeds of some old windbag. Then, after the first hot-air artist ran out of gas, the old bird who had all been puffed up at hearing himself lied about so fluently would have to get up and hand back a big line of blah-blah to the big banana oil merchant who began the palaver."

—*The Freemason* (London).

UNDER AMPHILL'S REGIME

Over 2,100 Masonic lodges were consecrated under the constitution of the United Grand Lodge of England during the 27 years in which the late Lord Amphyll was pro grand master. He occupied this position longer than any of his predecessors.

A marked factor in the promotion of the principles and tenets of Masonry was the encouragement which Lady Amphyll gave her late husband in his work, and the interest always manifested at social Masonic functions by her presence.

CELEBRATE DIAMOND

JUBILEE

St. John's Lodge No. 9, F. & A. M., Seattle, Wash., celebrated its Diamond Jubilee Wednesday, September 4, 1935. Upwards of 700 Masons, among whom were members of the Grand Lodge, enjoyed one of the most outstanding and interesting meetings ever held in the state. Judge Malcolm Douglas, member of the Lodge, was the principal speaker. Matthew W. Hill, past master, was the toastmaster. A feature of the evening was the presentation of an amusing historical play, "Our Pioneer Founders" by its author, Mr. Hill, and by a cast directed by him.

The program included a Memorial Communication, a reading of the report of the Grand Lodge of 1860, and the Grand Secretary's report for the same year.

Fifty-year membership diplomas were presented by the Grand Master, Walter H. Steffey, to Charles Dana Knight, a Mason sixty-five years; Md. Isaiah D. Spencer, fifty-eight years; and Horace W. Tyler, fifty-six years a Mason. Mr. Knight is grand tyler emeritus. Joining St. John's Lodge in 1877, Mr. Spencer has been a member of a Seattle lodge longer than any other Mason. Bro. Tyler has been grand secretary of the Grand Lodge for thirty years.

John Webster was the first master of St. John's Lodge. While master, he lived at Port Madison. To attend lodge, he rowed twelve miles across Puget Sound, making the return trip the next morning. Records show that he never missed a meeting.

NOTES

The Craftsmen's Recreation Park at Akron, Ohio, was presented a large concrete pavilion by the Amulet of Yusuf Khan Grotto of that city. The ceremonies attending the gift and best wishes of 2,500 Prophets were made on Wednesday evening, September 4, 1935, in the presence of over 2,000 Summit County Masons and members of their families.

Col. Walter S. Butterfield, of Battle Creek, Mich., has furnished the Masonic Home at Alma, Mich., with a motion picture equipment, and each week since September, 1932, he has given the residents a two-hour run of films without rental cost. At its recent annual meeting, the Grand Lodge of that state passed unanimously resolutions of appreciation for Colonel Butterfield's gracious and generous action in the matter. A copy of the resolutions will be framed for permanent display in the Home.

THERE IS NO PERFECTION

Perfection is not to be found on earth, and while we may proudly point to the men who have espoused and adorned the institutions of Freemasonry, and to their moral, social and intellectual attainments, we are confronted once in a while, as if to keep us humble and to remind us that, after all, we are but human, with moral lapses. That calls forth mourning in both heaven and earth. Every human institution is open to the perils of unworthy members. The nobler its aims and ideals, the more will bad men seek its fellowship and influence. There have ever been those who steal the liv-

ery of the court of heaven in which to serve the devil. If there were no genuine coin, stamped in the true mint, there would be no counterfeits.—*Masonic Home Journal*.

MASONIC LAW NOT PROPERLY OBSERVED

The most dangerous, because the most insidious, enemies of Freemasonry are those who profess themselves to be its partisans and followers, while they violate the spirit of its teachings.

Freemasonry is discredited in no way more seriously detrimental to its highest interests than in the repeated violations of its ancient usages and established customs.

No man is fit to be a Mason who is not in his heart, as well as in his life, truly Masonic in principle and in practice. This is the Masonic law—established for the good of the Craft at large, but too frequently and easily evaded in actual practice.



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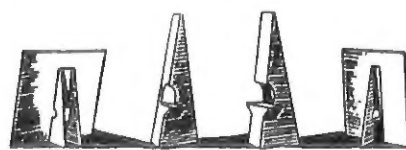


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Unhappily, the spirit of Freemasonry is not always properly appreciated, and this is always sure to be followed by disaster.

The things that are of supreme value in Freemasonry are unknown to most of those who are outwardly adherents and are possessed only by the few having conception of the inward vision.—*Masonic Bulletin*.

ORDER IS ESSENTIAL

It is astonishing how all of us are cumbered up with a thousand and one hindrances and duties which are not such, but which nevertheless wind us about with their spider threads and fetter the movement of our wings.

It is the lack of order that makes us slaves. The confusion of today discounts the freedom of tomorrow.

Confusion is the enemy of all comfort, and confusion is born of procrastination.

To know how to be ready we must know how to finish. Nothing is done but what is finished.

The things which we leave dragging behind us will start up again later on before us and harass our path.

Let each day take thought of what concerns it, liquidate its own affairs, and respect the day which is to follow.—*Amiel*.

THE WHITE HOUSE

"SEAL OF SOLOMON"

The President's home in Washington has undergone extensive repairs and alterations this summer. In process of the work, the famous designs known as the "Seal of Solomon" or "Shield of David" was discovered carved on the base of one of the keystones of the arches under the floor of the north portico of the White House.

The device in the center of the star, which looks something like the letter "n" with a small character at the upper right corner, is a Hebrew character representing one of the sacred names of Deity, which the ancient Jews were forbidden to pronounce.

The inscription of the sacred name within the triangle was supposed by them to give to the design certain talismanic powers, such as safeguarding their houses from fire, and, if carried on the person, to prevent wounds in battle.

The belief that the design was a protection against fire or other damage to a building led to its general use. It has been found in the cave of Elephants, in India; in Western Barbary; in numerous places throughout Europe, where it appears on medallions, made at a very early period, on the breasts of recumbent effigies of the dead as they lie in their tombs, and in churches.

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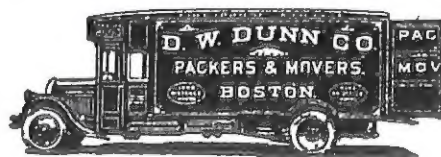
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or painted in the windows.No one knows who carved this de-
sign in the foundations of the White
House, when it was carved, or by
whose orders. Tradition has long as-
sociated Masonic ceremonies with the
building of the White House, but it is
only tradition. But it is at least a mat-
ter for speculation as to whether this
old, old design was carved in the
foundation prior or subsequent to the
burning of the structure in 1814!It is at least possible that it was
placed in position by some Chapter
Mason who thought thus to protect the
structure from future destruction by
fire—note that to the ancient Jews it
was a talisman preventing fire.The "Seal of Solomon," of course,
was a magic symbol long before any
Masonry known today came into ex-
istence; it is one of the hundreds of
symbols sung in story and legend (in
the Arabian Nights the "Seal of Solo-
mon" was used to confine the genii in
the bottle!) which Masonry has taken
unto itself. But its finding in the
White House seems definitely to con-
nect that structure with some Masonic
interest and activity in either its orig-
inal building, or in its repairs after the
ravages of the British in 1814.—(Courtesy The Masonic Service As-
sociation, Washington, D. C.)**CANADIAN SUPREME COUNCIL**The Supreme Council, Ancient and
Accepted Scottish Rite of Freema-
sonry, for the Dominion of Canada,
whose See is in the City of Montreal,
Province of Quebec, held its annual
session at the Masonic Temple in the
city of Vancouver, Province of British
Columbia, Tuesday September 3, 1935,
at 10 a. m.William H. Wardrobe is sovereign
grand commander of the Canadian Su-
preme Council, and Walter H. Davis
is secretary-general.**AN ANCIENT BROTHER**Mr. George Richmond, Walsh, ini-
tiated in an Irish Lodge in 1868, and a
founder of the St. Matthew Lodge No.
1477, Lincolnshire, Eng., in 1870, is
now in his ninety-third year of age.
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that Lodge, and is otherwise active in
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ROGERS LAST MEETINGWill Rogers attended his last meet-
ing among his Masonic brethren at
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of the Shrine conducted its ceremonial.
He was with his fellow nobles during
the entire evening of their festivities
at Fairbanks on the six-day pilgrim-
age of Nile officials in Alaska, headed
by Potentate O. B. Joseph.**THE PITY OF IT!**"I don't get anything out of Ma-
sonry!" That was said to me by a man
who had been a member of the frater-
nity for some years; a life member.
It is not new of course—that statement
—we hear it frequently. One wonders
what is looked for; what yearning is
there in the soul of a man that wells
up into an utterance like that. Is he
looking for something we do not pos-
sess or, has he failed to find that which
Masonry regards as a sovereign right
and privilege—the gift of opportunity;
opportunity for service.This man had achieved distinction in
his chosen vocation because he had
labored for it, and therefore had earned
it. He took pride in his accomplish-
ment, for the fruition of labor dis-
creetly planned and worthily wrought
gives one an honorable vantage, and is
both a reward and a stimulus. Why
could he not approach his Masonry in
the same way. There, he would have
found an unlimited field, ready for the
exercises of those qualities of mind, and
heart, and ability, so well trained by
the experiences acquired in his indus-
trial life, and by which tests he knew
his worth and value. In his industrial
life he allied himself and all his facul-
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ously kept alive from an erroneous notion, or rather, pretext, of the views we are supposed to entertain with respect to matters of religion. The deception is gradually dispelling, and a steady perseverance in that probity of action which characterises Masons throughout the world, and which in fact, is the very essence of the principles of the Craft, will hasten the period when our most ancient and honourable Institution will not be less revered by our Catholic fellow subjects in this quarter of the Empire than by our Protestant fellow subjects in Britain and elsewhere.

"The great maxims of our Institution comprehend all that is valuable in Christianity, and while it embraces all that is charitable among every sect or denomination of Christians, it entertains nothing repugnant to those great truths in which every true Christian must agree. The practice of the Masonic Craft is by no means incompatible with the religious exercises of any sect of Christians or of Christian virtues that can be named.

"Our duties are plain, simple and consolatory, to the Great and Omnipotent Architect of the Universe we owe our gratitude as the great basis and foundation of all the happiness we now enjoy; to the King, attachment and allegiance; to all mankind (and in a more especial manner, to Brethren of the Craft), friendship, charity, and brotherly love.

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Masonry has at all times prospered under the powerful and protecting arms of the British Government, and accordingly our Lodges are proverbially loyal. The Craft we profess, instead of debasing mankind, tends to enlighten, and many are the brethren of exalted rank and eminent character whose devotion to King and country evince that loyalty, may be justly considered as among the first of Masonic virtues."

There is now on the register of the Grand Lodge of Quebec a Lodge which bears the name of Denechan, founded in 1906, and drawing its membership from the French-speaking citizens of Montreal—*The Freemason London*.

THE SMITER SMITTEN

Justice can never have been more exquisitely poetic than in the case just reported of the mother at Blyth, in Northumberland. This mother was contemplating the immediate application of physical sanctions on the person of her infant son. In less diplomatic language, she had the brat across her knee and her hand already raised to high heaven in order to "give him one," when lo!—Zeus noted the impending calamity and fixed her arm in that position as the result of a dislocated shoulder. So the child escaped, and the woman's friends led her away through the streets to the hospital like Hitler reviewing his Storm Troops. Thus was the smiter smitten, and at last we have seen the truth of the ancient fable: "This will hurt me more than it will hurt you."—*Lucio in the Manchester Guardian*.

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